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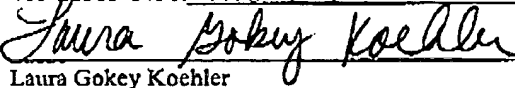
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This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed
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The Examiner stated in the Office Action that this
application contains claims directed to the following patentably
distinct inventions: Group I, including claims 1-10, drawn to a
method for a query selection criteria to one more attributes of
relation and Group II, including claims 11-24 drawn to a method
to form a multi-dimensional index for a group of attributes. The
Examiner further stated that restriction to one of the above-
listed groups is required under 35 U.S.C. §121.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I without
traverse. Group I includes claims 1-10.

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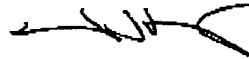

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